

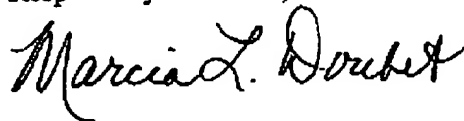
REMARKS

Amendments have been made to the specification to provide patent numbers of related patents. No new matter has been introduced with these amendments.

The Office Action dated January 29, 2004 (hereinafter, "the Office Action") stated that restriction for examination purposes is required. Therefore, Claims 25 - 32, 57 - 63, and 77 - 81 (the claims of Group II) have been cancelled from the application without prejudice (and are being separately submitted in a divisional application filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)).

Claims 1 - 24, 33 - 56, 64 - 76, and 82 - 91 (the claims of Group I) remain in the present application. (Note that the Office Action specifies Claim 77 as being a member of both Groups I and II. Applicant believes that this claim was intended to be a member only of Group II.) Applicant respectfully requests that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and that these remaining claims be examined and passed to issuance without delay.

Respectfully submitted,



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